

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An abstraction module that facilitates security configuration amongst a number of initiators in a manner that there are no conflicts in the security information across all initiators. The abstraction module exposes a common interface that may be used to configure any of the initiators, receives through this common interface an indication that a selected one of the initiators is to be configured to communicate with a selected target device, and retrieves security information from a common database, the database including information that is relevant to configuring security for any of the plurality of initiators. The abstraction module identifies a security configuration for the selected initiator using the retrieved security information and, if the settings would not cause a conflict with any of the other of the initiators, uses the identified security configuration to configure the selected initiator.

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